

there are still Nebraskans who are POWs or MIAs still missing in action in the Vietnam conflict that we would like to commemorate today and I have spoken with the Speaker and thought originally that this resolution might be referred to committee so that some of these individuals might be able to come in and testify and present some of their case histories regarding this particular issue. Secondly, there is a provision in this resolution calling for a ceremony that we hope to work out with the Governor's Office and some other individuals to commemorate those POWs who were in captivity for five years or more and also the families of those servicemen who are still missing in action in Vietnam. So, Mr. Speaker, I don't know how to proceed right now, but I would turn it over to you I guess.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson, I would suggest that we do refer this to a committee for a hearing so that the people interested could express themselves to the committee and thus have input to the committee and to this body that would not otherwise be presented. So I am suggesting that we refer it to the Executive Board for referral for a hearing.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: That's fine with me, thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Marsh, did you wish to...?

SENATOR MARSH: Before you refer it, Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to add my voice of support and I believe it would be a very wise thing to have the public hearing. We need to remember those who have made so many sacrifices for us that a gentle kind of reminder that makes us truly grateful. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, and we'll refer this to the Chairman of the Executive Board and Reference Committee. Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Has Senator Schmit arrived yet? Senator Cal Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Only a question of the Chair and of Senator Johnson, I guess, was there any intent in your comments, Senator Johnson, relative to a planned program before the Legislature or was it just purely for a public hearing?